

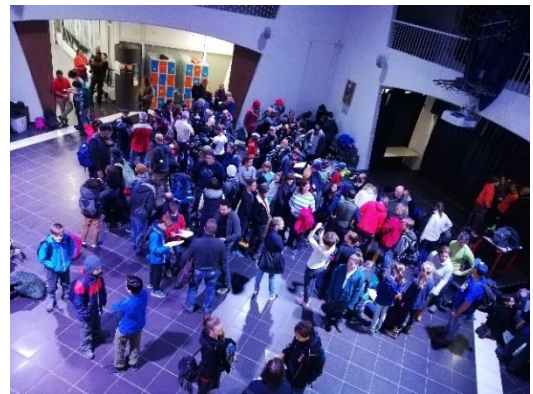
LAUDER JAVNE JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL,
KINDERGARTEN AND MUSIC SCHOOL
BUDAPEST, HUNGARY



NOVEMBER

Laokoon competition

We held the yearly organized “Laokoon survival competition”. We left the school at 2 am on a Sunday morning with about 200 participants (students, parents, teachers, staff), towards the Pilis Mountains. The participants had to compete in groups, and visit as many of the over 40 places as they could, solve riddles, collect points and get back to the school by 7 pm. As each year, there were various groups in age, combination and size: kids with parents, kids with teachers, high school kids alone, staff alone: the smallest group being 3 people, and the largest over 10.



Exchange programs

A group of our 10th graders spent 10 days in Israel at the beginning of November, together with a group from the Scheiber School. The program was organized by Partnership 2gether.



7th graders returned from Istanbul after a 5-day program in the beginning of November. They were there in the framework of our exchange program with the Ulus Jewish School there.



Ten student from Adelson Educational Campus (AEC) from Las Vegas visited our 9th graders in Budapest. Their visit and the exchange was organized by SOS Morim program. The kids stayed with families during the week, attended classes, went to afternoon programs together, explored the Jewish quarter and museum in a joint activity. Gábor Horányi (our principal) took the group to the Szemlőhegyi cave, they also went for a full-day trip to Balatonfüred to visit the House of Jewish Excellences there. For Shabbat, the entire group went to a hotel in the city for Shabbaton together: Friday night at Frankel Synagogue; Saturday they did various activities and study sessions together, continued with a lunch at the Israeli Cultural Institute, then Havdalah at the Shoes on the Danube Bank memorial.



On Friday, **madrachim of the Shahr program** spent the day with the members of the leadership program of **JCoSS** in London. In the morning, the 54 kids had a team building session at the Israeli Cultural Institute, and then a scavenger hunt in groups of ten in the Jewish quarter. Then we invited the JCoSS group to the school, for a lunch and a school tour. In the evening the Lauder and JCoSS madrich-groups spent erev shabbat together at the Israeli Cultural Institute.



Team building

We had an optional community team building day for the school's staff, who went to Bratislava together - with close to 60 staff, teachers from all levels of the school. We started at the Hatam Sofer's grave, where the local community's representative and Szonja Komoróczy, the school's Judaism leader,



talked about the

Hatam Sofer, the history of the site and the building. Then together we did a walking tour of the Jewish sights in the city, had lunch, and then an optional walk of other sights of the city, with some free time.



20th Lauder Book festival

Such as every year, we dedicated a full day to celebrate books in Lauder. As a preparation, a week before the event we had a screening of the Hungarian movie *Ruben Brandt, the collector*, in the library. We celebrated the 20th Book festival at the school, with programs and quizzes around reading and books, book-binding, and with several guests for all generations - including authors, historians, poets, actors. As part of the book festival, 3rd graders organized a 'Teddy bear-Café' for children from the kindergarten. There were cakes, cookies and hot chocolate, while the "older ones" read them fairy tales.

Also at the opportunity of the book fair, we installed a book-vending machine in the aula, with short stories and books to be purchased in paperback editions. The machine which is called 'POKET' is going to be at the school till mid-January.



Short news

Founders and activists of the non-governmental organization **'MagicMe'** met with students from the elementary school. They led a discussion about **children who live with disabilities** and how they can live and play together with other children around.

Organized by our librarians we announced a **book collecting challenge** for the Lauder families. We were sending 30-30 books - as we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Lauder School this year - to a kindergarten and an elementary school to very poor villages on the countryside.

At the yearly organized, traditional **middle school "party"**, organized by 8th graders for 7th graders, started with a **Havdalah ceremony** for the first time.

We organized a **100 Forint fair**, which we do regularly, twice a year. On this occasion parents can bring their old clothes and toys, and we sell each item for 100 HUF. The money raised at the fair together with the unsold clothes and toys **we will donate to those in need**, like kindergartens, foundations in Hungary.

The **5th graders planted crocuses** in the school's garden around the miniature of the **"Shoes on the Danube" Memorial**. The Plants will bloom around April-May, around the Memorial Day for the Hungarian victims of the Holocaust.

3rd graders made cookies, which could be purchased by kids from higher grades, and the collected money (approximately 140000 HUF) will be donated to the Shelter Foundation.

The yearly **"Hanukah Miracles"** program has been launched at the end of November. The Hanukia has been put out at the entrance with **wishes from families in need**. The gifts, collected by students, families, classes and teachers will be delivered to them before Hanuka.